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Defector said to reveal wartime strategy

Soviet kamikaze plans reported

Hamburg, West Germany (AP)—A Soviet Union, and Lieutenant Belenko was taken to Washington and was transferred almost Air Force fighter pilot, who defected, to the United States. The Stern article, scheduled for publication today, contained excerpts from CIA interrogation records. Stern reported. CIA agents reportedly bought him his

to the West told his American interrogators that Russian combat pilots have orders to make kamikaze-style suicide attacks rather than bail out in wartime emergencies, Stern magazine says.

Those who return alive are to be shot, the pilot, Lt. Victor I. Belenko, reportedly said.

The weekly West German magazine also quoted Central Intelligence Agency sources as saying Lieutenant Belenko suffered a nervous collapse during weeks of intense grilling by the CIA, and it said he was now living at a secret location on \$1,500-a-month support payments.

Lieutenant Belenko flew his top-secret MIG-25 jet from Siberia to Japan's Hakodate airport September 6 and told the astonished Japanese he wanted political asylum in the United States.

U.S. experts examined the plane thoroughly before it was returned to the Soviet

Union, and Lieutenant Belenko was taken to Washington and was transferred almost daily in a closed van to a cellar room at nearby Bolling Air Force Base for intense grilling sessions, Stern reported. CIA agents reportedly bought him his favorite Chinese dishes at a nearby restaurant, but Lieutenant Belenko lost more than 26 pounds during seven weeks of

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